

February 22, 2006  
MCA-MDT Technical Committee Meeting

Glen Frost opened the meeting at 8:00 with introductions.

**MDT NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Specifications Update.** MDT distributed an updated list of Active Specifications and discussed changes made to the Noxious Weed Control Special Provision. Four proposed specification revisions were discussed; 107.08 Load restrictions, 108.07.3 Working days on holiday weekends, 202.03.1 Disposal of concrete, and Aggregate Treatment special provision.
- 2. 2006 Standard Specifications.** MDT advised that new spec books and detailed drawing updates would be available in Contract Plans starting tomorrow (February 23<sup>rd</sup>).
- 3. Exigency Project.** MDT will let an exigency project for scour mitigation on three bridges in Gallatin County. A mandatory pre-bid will be held March 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Bid opening, award, and notice-to-proceed will be March 6<sup>th</sup>.
- 4. Standard Special Provisions.** MDT discussed the new numbering system used for the Standard Special Provisions that will relate the special to the Standard Specifications and allow the specials to be placed in the bid package in a logical order.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

- 1. CBC, CTS Tables 701-8 and 701-10.** MDT is still considering changes to the No. 40 and the No. 200 sieve. MDT would like to look at changes on a couple of jobs if any Contractors are interested.
- 2. Ride Spec and Plant Mix Forum.** MDT discussed the Ride Spec and Plant Mix Forum to be held on February 23<sup>rd</sup> after the Bid letting. MDT distributed charts and summaries relating to the tie between compaction and ride incentives.
- 3. Sulfate Soundness.** MDT is moving forward with research on the Micro Deval test method because it is faster than the Sulfate Soundness test method. MDT's first priority is to meet time requirements within contracts.
- 4. Pulverization.** MDT is still researching this. There appears to be some sequencing issues. MDT is close to a draft that will be distributed soon.
- 5. Traffic Control.** MCA summarized the traffic control committee meeting that was held February 9<sup>th</sup>. MDT discussed the Work Zone Awareness week activities April 2<sup>nd</sup> – April 9<sup>th</sup> and handed out brochures and posters. A sign-up sheet was passed around for anyone wanting to donate time during those activities. Prudy Hulman's phone number was handed out for anyone wanting more information.
- 8. Erosion Control.** The next meeting will be after the 2006 Construction season.
- 9. Utility Task Force.** This item will be removed and discussed at the
- 10. Fuel Adjustment.** MCA proposed changing the Fuel Price Adjustment to a \$0.25 trigger rather than the 20%. The change will be included in the March letting.
- 11. Subcontractor definition.** MDT will try to have something for the next meeting.
- 13. Mag Chloride – Prime.** MDT plans to have a draft specification out for comment.

## **NEW BUSINESS FROM MCA**

**1. 2007 Engineering Conference.** MCA asked if all work was prohibited during this week. MDT advised that the conference provides valuable training and all construction employees are expected to be at the conference. Submit a letter to the EPM to request to work during that time.

**2. Drilled Shaft Special.** MCA advised that the special requiring temporary casing in all situations was requiring extra work and expense where not necessary. MCA was asked to submit written comments detailing their concerns.

**3. Concrete Acceptance.** MCA stated that a 15% deduction on concrete could be more than the entire cost of concrete for the supplier due to the additional items included in the bid (Labor, forms etc). MDT is looking at new QA/QC specifications and different methods of applying deductions etc. and looking at a dispute resolution process. MDT pointed out that the deduction is to cover the reduced life and if we redo the work early, we will incur all of those costs and not just the cost of the concrete.

**4. Contract Time and Chipping.** MCA was concerned with the timing on several projects that would require chip seals to be completed by August 31<sup>st</sup>. MCA thought that this may not be possible in all cases and asked that those projects on the edge be moved into next year. MDT will consider changing these on a case-by-case basis.

**5. Construction Sequencing.** MCA had some concerns with the sequencing special that requires a limited amount of the project to be opened up. MDT advised that the safety and convenience of the traveling public is also important and we need to balance their needs with the Contractors. Exceptions to that special are always possible through the EPM.

The next meeting will be **March 29, 2006**, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the **MCA Office**.

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